

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: Socio-Economic Assessment of Gulf of Mexico (SAGM) Fisheries Under the Grouper-Tilefish Individual Fishing Quota Program.

OMB Control Number: None.

Form Number(s): NA.

Type of Request: Regular submission (request for a new information collection).

Number of Respondents: 334 (annualized).

Average Hours Per Response: 1 hour.

Burden Hours: 334.

Needs and Uses: This request is for a new information collection.

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) proposes to collect demographic, cultural, economic and social information about Gulf of Mexico fisheries managed under the Grouper-Tilefish Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Program. The survey also intends to inquire about the industry's perceptions, attitudes and beliefs about the performance of the Grouper-

1

Tilefish IFQ Program. The data gathered will be used to describe the social and economic changes brought about by the Grouper-Tilefish IFQ Program, assess the economic performance of the industry under the Grouper-Tilefish IFQ Program, and evaluate the socioeconomic impacts of future federal regulatory actions. In addition, the information will be used to strengthen and improve fishery management decision-making, satisfy legal mandates under Executive Order 12866, the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (U.S.C. 1801 et seq.), the Regulatory Flexibility Act, the Endangered Species Act, and the National Environmental Policy Act, and other pertinent statues.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: One time.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: OIRA Submission@omb.eop.gov.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0336, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at JJessup@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to OIRA Submission@omb.eop.gov.

2

Dated: September 27, 2013

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

[FR Doc. XX-XXXX; XX-XX-XX; 8:45am]

BILLING CODE: 3510-22

[FR Doc. 2013-24106 Filed 10/02/2013 at 8:45 am; Publication Date: 10/03/2013]